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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : S. Sakelaris
MARTINEZ et al :
Serial No.: 09/486,142 : Group: 1634
Filed: March 31, 2000 :
For: OLIGNUCLEOTIDES...HORMONES :

600 Third Avenue
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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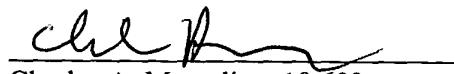
Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully requests that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended for three months until

July 30, 2003.

PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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